

RESULTS FACTSHEET

Mitigation measures adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic

September 2020

Priority given to desk work in particular:

- **Legal expertise provided** to Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in the field of judiciary and criminal law.
- 4 opinions and 1 Amicus curiae **adopted by written procedure** by the Venice Commission.
- **Studies on data collection** on discrimination were produced in Armenia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

Activities redesigned online, notably:

- **5 Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) courses** were developed and launched in the region during the COVID-19 period. **22% increase** in users since mid-March 2020.
- **Mentoring for 60 legal professionals implemented online** in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.
- Awareness of 187 Belarusian students raised through **online trainings on European standards** in civil justice.
- 2 infographics on a new electronic platform for payment orders and on the **steps undertaken by the Armenian Compulsory Enforcement Service during the quarantine** were produced.

Activities adjusted to the needs linked to the COVID-19 situation

- Case management system adjusted to enable Georgian citizens to **file online complaints** to the Constitutional Courts, thus ensuring access to justice under the circumstances related to COVID-19.
- Authorities from Azerbaijan and the Republic of Moldova better aware of measures to undertake to **improve the efficiency and the functioning of the judiciary during the pandemic.**





Examples of mitigation measures implemented by the Council of Europe in addition to the PGG programme in the Eastern Partnership countries

- **Medical material and personal protective equipment** provided to penitentiary institutions in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova.
- Manual on the organisation and the **management of health care in prison** and leaflet about the **treatment of persons deprived of their liberty** in the context of COVID-19 translated into Ukrainian.
- Awareness of the Government Agent's Office of Armenia raised on the **rights to liberty and security, to fair trial, to private life and their restrictions in time of emergency**.
- More responsible journalism and **reporting in times of crisis** promoted in Ukraine and Georgia.
- **Sanitary kits** made available to Roma populations in Ukraine.
- **Information on COVID-19 pandemic and sanitary measures** translated into minority languages in Georgia and Ukraine.
- Council of Europe statements on the **right to data protection** in the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic and **digital contact tracing** translated into Ukrainian and presented to the Ombudsperson's Office. Recommendation provided on the compliance with data protection standards of the mobile application launched in Ukraine to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.
- **Small grant** provided to Georgian Bar Association to deliver pro bono legal services to socially vulnerable families experiencing economic difficulties due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- **3 sessions of "Human Rights talks in times of COVID-19"**, including a session dedicated to violence against women, organised in Georgia with an online audience of 96,000 users.

More information:

<https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/pgg2/home>



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